

Information

The Mountain Valley Pipeline is a proposed interstate natural gas transmission pipeline that would span approximately 106 miles in Virginia.

The draft 401 Certification would establish additional conditions for activities in upland areas that are located near state waters and that may indirectly affect state water along the route of the proposed pipeline. The conditions address, among other things, engineering and best management practices for steep slopes and slide prone areas; environmental monitoring and inspections; and development and implementation of plans and procedures for karst mitigation, spill prevention control, water quality monitoring, protection of riparian buffers, protection of water quality from acid forming materials, protection of public water supplies, and dust control activities.

DEQ's preliminary decision is to recommend issuance of a Section 401 Certification with conditions. After the public comment period ends, DEQ will review comments received and present summaries and recommendations to the State Water Control Board for its consideration at its November meeting.

For copies of the draft 401 Certification and other information please visit the website

www.deq.virginia.gov/programs/water/protectionrequirementsforpipelines.aspx

Public Hearing

Mountain Valley Pipeline

Proposed Section 401 Water Quality Certification

August 8, 2017: Radford University

August 9, 2017: Chatham High School

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



Purpose

This is a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed additional Section 401 Certification conditions for construction-related activities in upland areas that are located near state waters and that may indirectly affect state waters along the route of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline project.

Only comments related to the conditions being proposed will be considered. Comments on erosion and sediment plans, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide 12 permit, or the environmental impact statements cannot be considered as part of this action's record.

DEQ will continue to accept written comments by hand-delivery, email, or postal mail. Please include your name, address, email address, and phone number with your comment. All comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on August 22, 2017.

Comments may be submitted electronically to:

comment-mvp@deq.virginia.gov

Hand deliver comments to:

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
629 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Mail comments to:

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1105
Richmond, VA 23218

Public Hearing Procedures

- In order to speak, you must sign in with your name, address, and email address (if you have one).
- Upon signing in, you will receive a tab with an "S" on it. Take the "S" tab to the ticketer to get a sequentially-numbered ticket. Speakers will be called upon in numeric order at the assigned time during the hearing. *Please keep this ticket – lost tickets will require you to sign in again.*
- Each commenter may speak up to 3 minutes only. The hearing officer will provide specific instructions and announce when or if a change to this time limit is necessary.
- No signs, food, open beverages, or backpacks are allowed in the hearing building entryway, foyer, or room. Signs may be placed outside the venue as allowed by the property owner.
- Tables may not be set up and written materials by other groups may not be distributed inside the hearing building entryway, foyer, or room. Written materials may be distributed outside the hearing venue as allowed by the property owner.
- Please be respectful of all speakers and do not speak out during speakers' comments. Disruptive behavior may result in early adjournment of the hearing.
- Written comments may be given to any DEQ staff member. Written comments must include your name, address, phone, and email address (if you have one).